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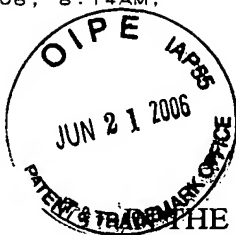
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EXHIBIT A

Modified Algorithms based on feed back received from review meeting

Major modifications carried out in:

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| 8.6.76 High Differential Expansion along with High Vibration | Sheet: 2 |
| 8.6.71 Rotor locks in and vibrates at its first critical | Sheet: 3 |
| 8.6.61 High eccentricity following vibration excursion. | Sheet: 4 & 5 |
| 8.6.73 High response to 1st critical | Sheet: 6 & 7 |

Minor or No Modifications in:

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| 8.6.77 Sudden large shell temperature ramp | Sheet: 8 & 9 |
| 8.6.67 Different speed/vibration map for run up vs. coast down | Sheet: 10 & 11 |
| 8.6. 74 High response to 2nd critical | Sheet: 12 |
| 8.6.64 Unsteady or sporadic overall vibration with LP overall vibration affected with Load, back Pressure, Hood Temp | Sheet : 13 |

EXHIBIT A

Priority HH

8.6.76 High Differential Expansion along with High Vibration

(This calculation shall be performed during Start-up and Shut down modes of the unit.)

1. Monitor alarm for 'Differential Expansion High' to raise an anomaly.
2. Monitor bearing vibration.
3. Calculate actual variation in vibration values.
4. If abnormal amplitude or abnormal variation is observed, and this is observed for 3 consecutive samples, then raise an anomaly 'High/ Abnormal VibrationOnBBXX'
5. If both these conditions are appearing, then raise an anomaly 'AbnormalVibWithAbnormalDiffExpansion'.

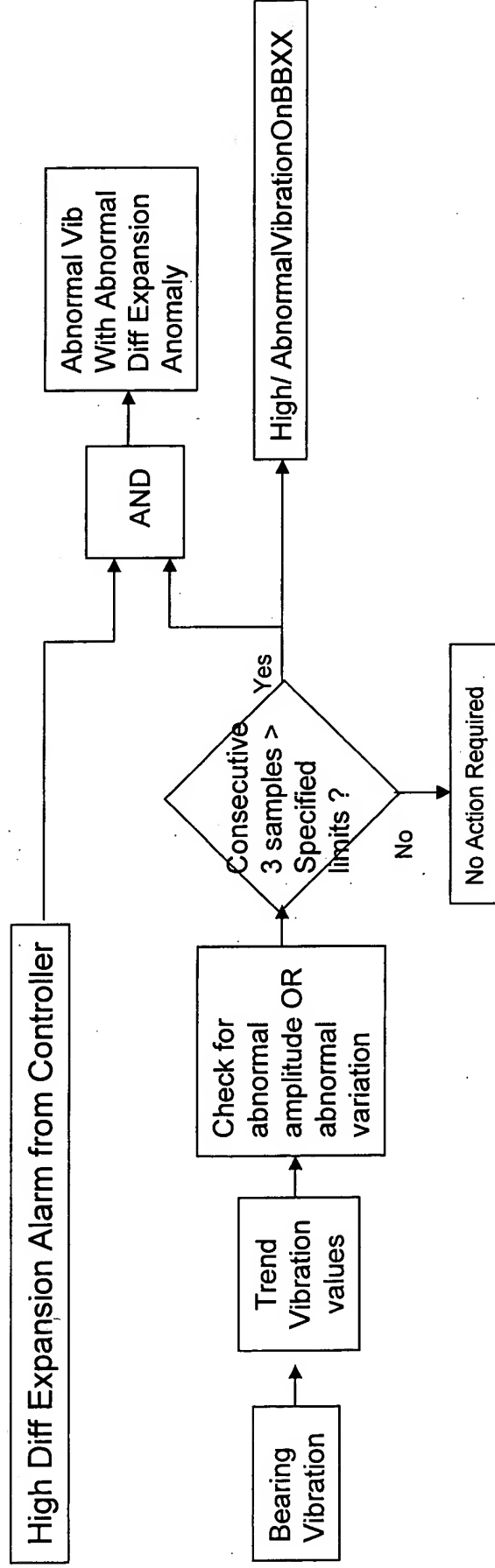


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8.6.61 High eccentricity following vibration excursion.

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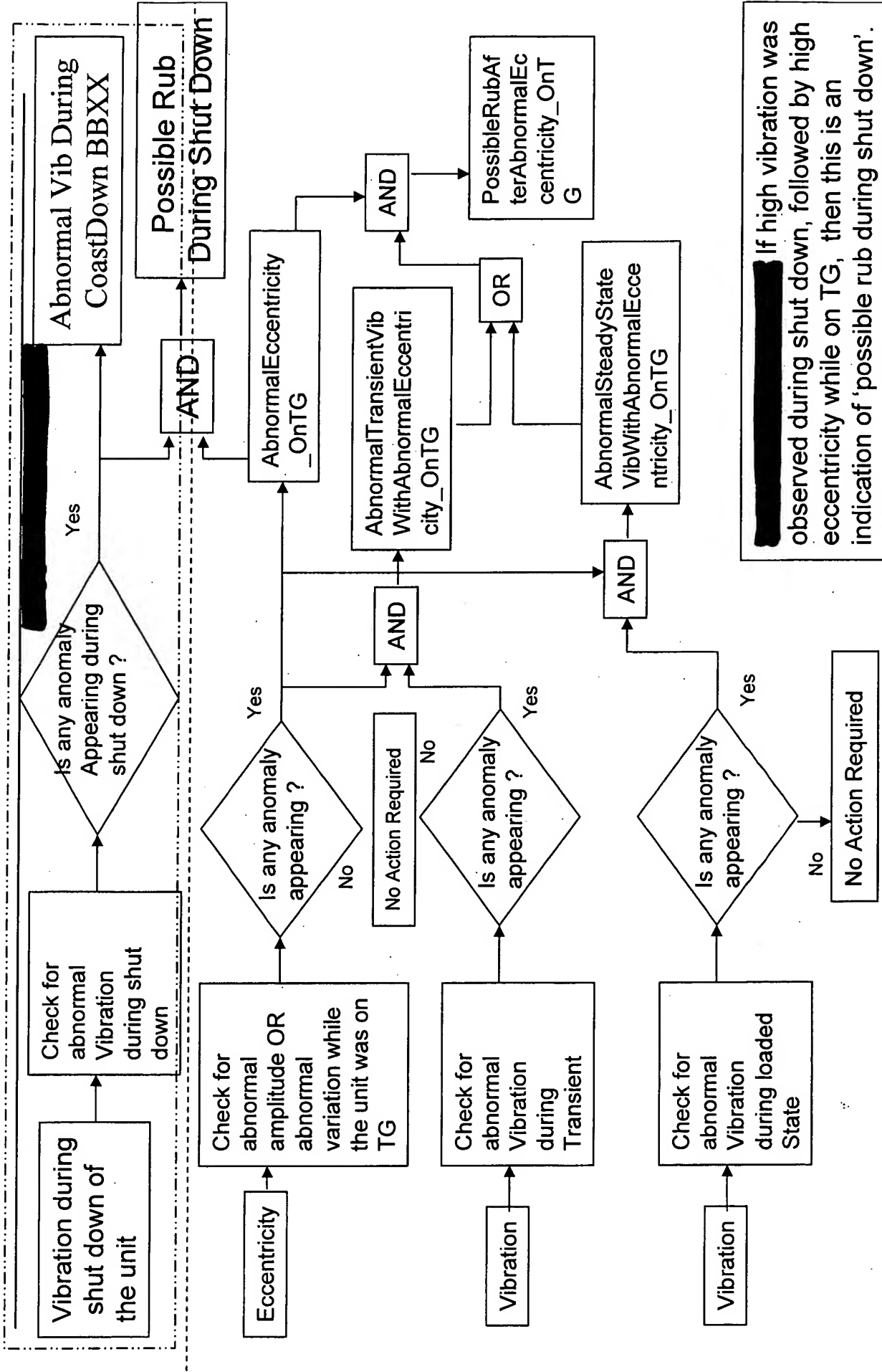
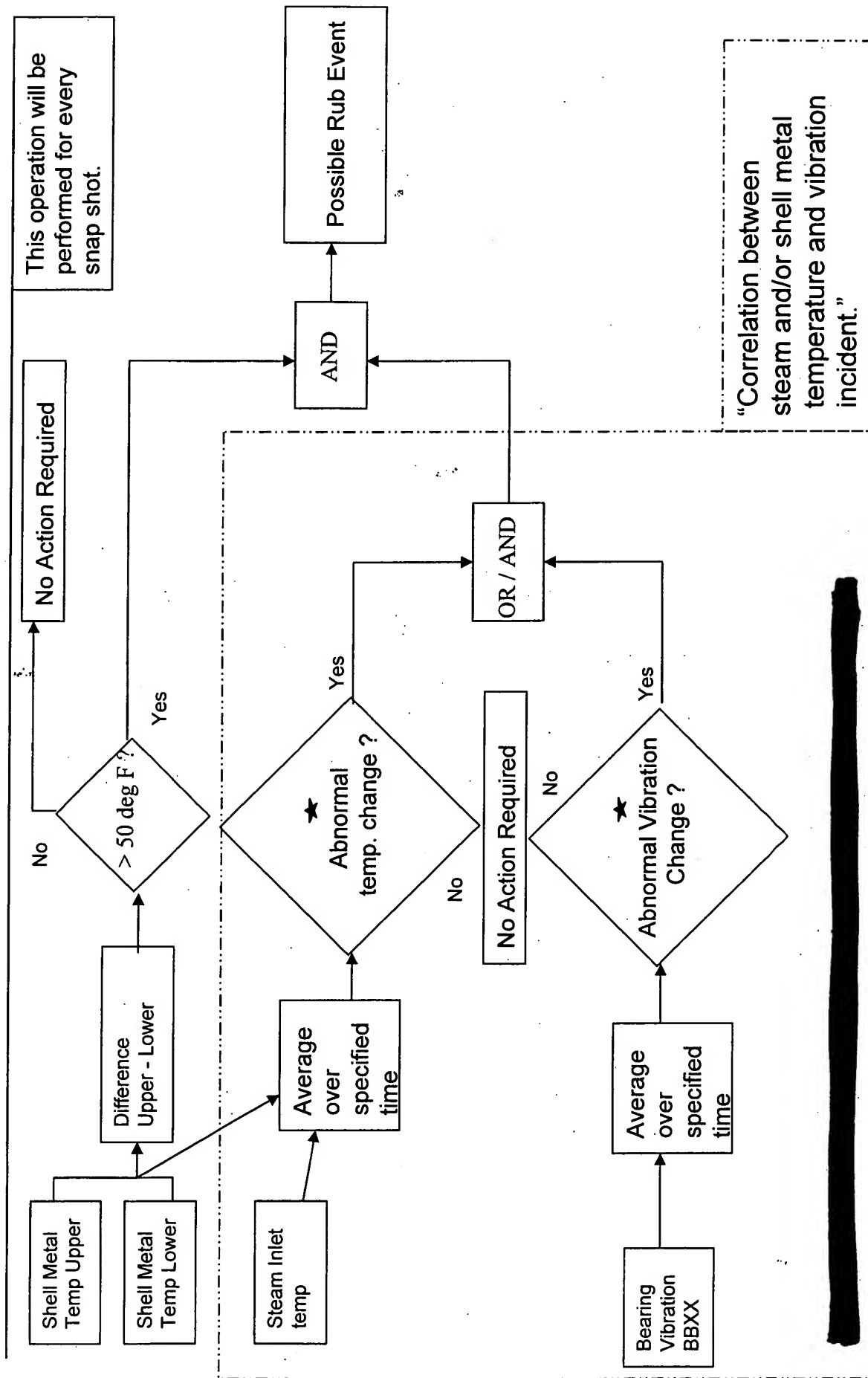


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8.6.77 Sudden large shell temperature ramp



★ Abnormal change is defined as: 'Larger than specified' change in amplitude over specified time period (10 seconds) OR amplitude exceedence over specified limits.

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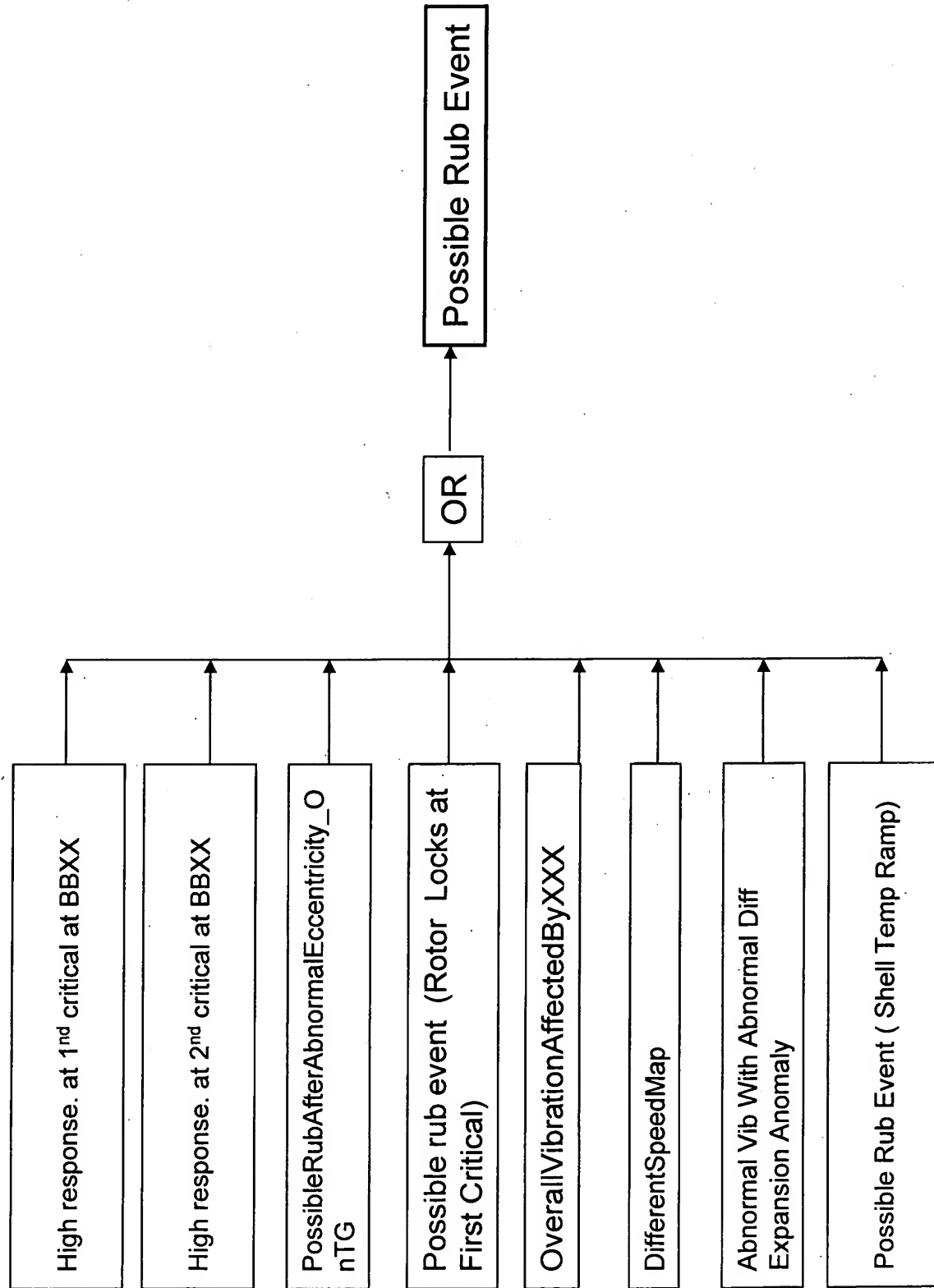
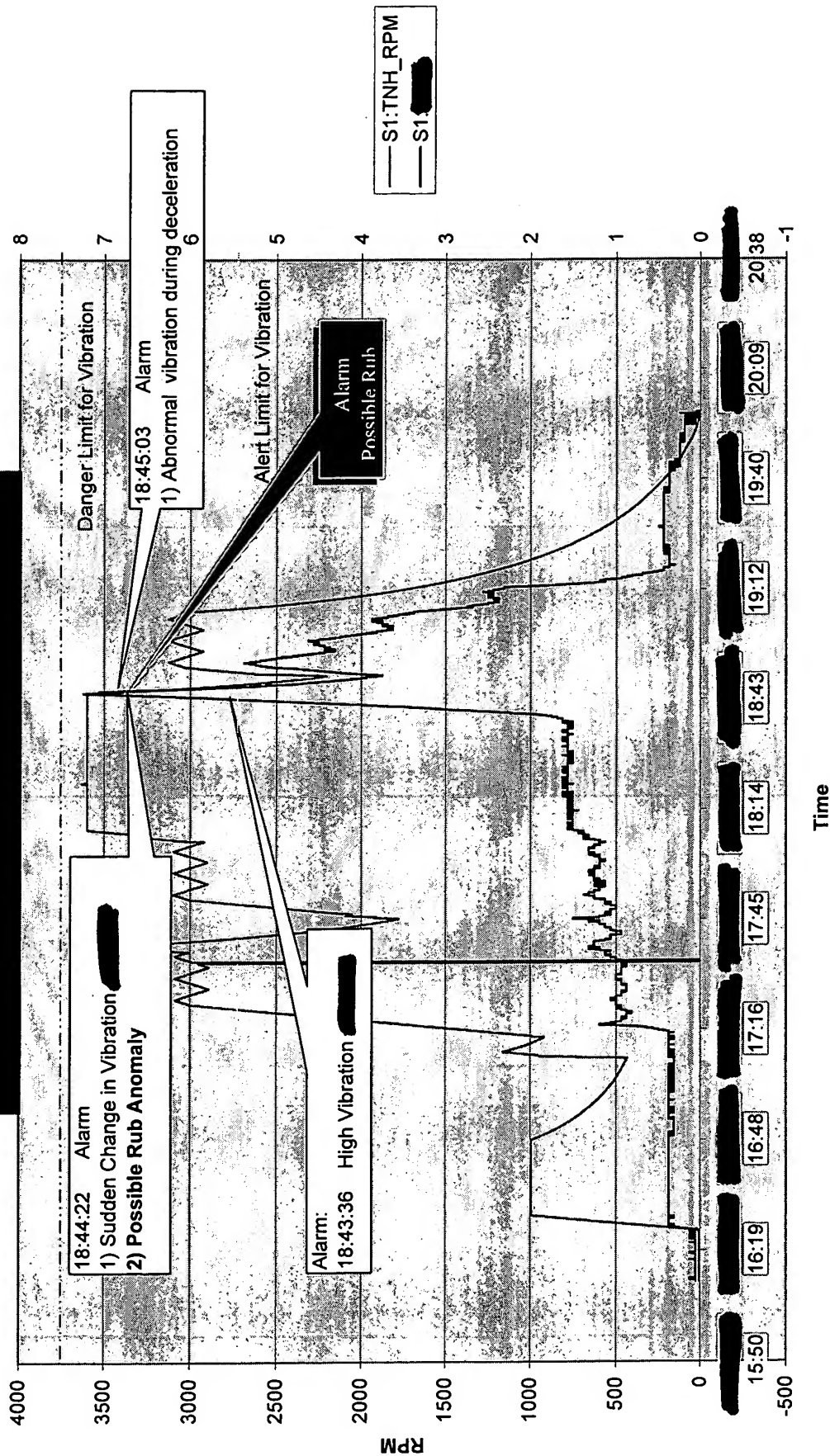


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Desk Top validation results



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